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## Our New Buildings.

Arcadia's substantial new buildings are going up fast.

The Houston stone building is already occupied by the hardware and furniture department of the Arcadia Mercantile Company.

The Arcadia Hardware Company will in a few days move into their new quarters in the Owen Parler brick building.

W. H. Seward's new brick building for his dry goods department is almost ready for occupation.

The Langel's stone building has received its roof and workmen are busy with the inside work.

L. L. Morgan's stone building has passed the second story and the stone work is fast nearing completion.

Espenlaub's stone building is almost done and will be ready to receive THE CHAMPION office as well as Mr. Espenlaub's City Meat market early in July.

Gore & Scott's building is well under way, as are those of F. Burgess, J. L. Jones and C. C. Carlton.

The foundation is being laid for the Simmons & Langford bank and hotel building which will be built of concrete stone and is to be one of the finest buildings in South Florida.

There are a number of residences and other buildings in course of construction in Arcadia of which we will tell more at a future time.

## Ladies' Improvement Society.

The following ladies met at the home of Mrs. Jacob Wey, Thursday, June 7, for the purpose of organizing a society for the improvement and beautifying of the city: Mesdames Gore, Richards, Williford, Carlton, Youmans; Simmons, Rosin, Whidden, Crawford, Parker, Wey, Platt, Seward and Freeman.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Youmans, president; Mrs. Crawford, vice-president; Mrs. Williford, treasurer and Mrs. Freeman, secretary.

The question of a park was discussed. Mr. Youmans, very generously, has offered to give a lot of ground for same.

The president appointed a committee of three, consisting of Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Wey to see the town councilmen about the purpose of getting some land from them.

Mesdames Carlton, Gore, Simmons and Parker were appointed as a committee to solicit members.

The meeting then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wey, Monday, June 11, at 4 p. m., when Mr. Youmans will meet with them to further discuss the Park question. All ladies are cordially invited to attend these meetings and help with these improvements.

## Bowling Green.

EDITOR CHAMPION: Whoop! Did you hear Bowling Green? Did you see her 156 votes of which 100 were for Hooker? Hereafter whenever we will be consulted before these little private caucuses are held to cut and dry important affairs of the county. No sir, not for us! Division is a "dead end" in a kennel.

A few who supported division are buried here last night, and the graves marked their resting place.

(From Wednesday Morning's Extra)

## ANTI-DIVISION AGAIN TRIUMPHS

### For the Second Time this Year Is Division Rebuked.

Early Reports From Fifteen Principal DeSoto County Precincts Show that Editor Jordan and His "Division" Platform are Beaten by Over a Hundred Votes.

## D. S. WILLIAMS OUR NEXT COUNTY COMMISSIONER

From District No. 4. He Leads His Opponent by About Fifty Votes. Election Day in Arcadia Was Quiet, But Everybody Came Out and Voted. Arcadia Enthusiastic.

Election day, June 12th, 1906, in Arcadia was inclined to be decidedly showery, but in spite of this fact every-body turned out and voted. Our people were "Agin Division" and were not bashful about voting that way. They were interested in who should be County Commissioner from district number four, and by their ballots they expressed their preferences.

Arcadia was quiet yesterday, unusually quiet, and but for the large number of men on the streets, and the political talk did not show outward signs of being election day.

At about nine o'clock last night after the ballots had been counted and enough of the returns were in to make the result certain, a good-natured, enthusiastic, but orderly crowd called on the successful candidates, W. H. Hooker and D. S. Williams, who responded with short but appropriate words. They were cheered to the echo, then cheered again. Following is the vote so far as received:

	Hooker	Jordan	Livingston	Williams
Fort Green.....	11	8		
Wauchula .....	7	320		
Lily .....	27	19		
Pine Level.....	39	2		
Charlotte Harbor.....	1	47		
Grove City.....	1	9		
Punta Gorda.....	2	230		
Ft. Ogden.....	48	51	227	298
Arcadia .....	511	23		
Crewsville .....	29	20		
Zolfo.....	58	72	28	30
Venus.....	13	5	32	19
Bowling Green.....	141	15		
Gardner .....	43	13		
Nocatee .....	33	18		
Owens.....	55	5		
Cleveland .....	0	33		
Oak Hill.....	40	0		
Lake Stearns.....	3	3		
Ona .....	7	34		
Total.....	1079	927	287	347

place. Those who survived will have a-la-barbecued crow for a dinner today. "Hooker will be beaten and beaten badly and he knows it." Don't that sound funny? Now that we have "ten years" of peace and prosperity ahead of us let's pull for the up-building of grand old DeSoto, the banner orange county of the state.

## Entertaining Entertainments.

The recital of Miss Olney Williams, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Friday Musicales on last Thursday night was quite a success both financially and otherwise, about \$40 being taken in. The stage was beautifully decorated and Miss Olney pleased her audience in her usual attractive way. She was also assisted by local talent.

The social given at the Florida House for the benefit of the

Joshua Creek Cemetery Fund was a decided success. A large crowd was in attendance and an elaborate program was carried out. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were partaken of. About \$26 was cleared.

## Note of Thanks.

The Ladies Friday Musicales desire to express their sincere thanks to all who so cheerfully and well took part in their entertainment last Thursday night.

Mrs. J. N. HOLLINGSWORTH, President.

## Base Ball.

The Arcadia Base Ball team will cross bats with the Bartow nine on the local grounds on Friday afternoon at 2:30. A good game is expected, as Bartow is known to have a strong team, and Arcadia last year beat almost every game she played.

## Nocatee Entertainment.

Something good for a good cause. Come Tuesday evening, June 19, Miss Donna Collins in charge. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments after entertainment at right price. Come. Everybody come.

Mayor W. H. Frecker, Tampa's new chief magistrate, instructed Chief Jones Friday night to inform Detectives Durst and Bell and First Lieutenant W. C. Sellars, of the police department, that they need not report for duty any longer. Letters were also sent the officers requesting them to tender their resignations.

Colonel T. J. Watkins, of Nocatee, last week invested \$55,000 in valuable city property in Orlando, and will shortly make that place his home.

## Song Recital.

There will be given a Song Recital at the opera house Tuesday night, June 26, by the vocal pupils of Mrs. J. Fletcher Pace assisted by six gentlemen of Arcadia.

All friends of any member of the class and those who are really interested in music are cordially invited to be present. There will be no price of admission.

The death occurred in Pensacola Sunday of Mrs. W. C. Jones, wife of Secretary Jones, of the chamber of commerce.

## Mines of Mammoth Bones.

At some time in the distant past a remarkable state of affairs existed in what are now the bleak arctic regions of Siberia. At the time of which we speak the climate must have been comparatively mild, for thousands and hundreds of thousands of huge animals, mostly of the elephant type, roamed up and down the valleys of what are now frozen polar rivers. In the midst of their innocent happiness a sudden and awful change came. Some philosophers say that the earth "fell out of balance" and tilted thousands of miles to the north. Whatever the cause, fierce winter almost instantly swept over the land of the mastodon and the mammoth and overwhelmed the great beasts in huge snowdrifts, from which they could not extricate themselves. In the course of time these huge banks of snow were transformed into great mountains of ice, and today specimens of the great hairy mammoth may be found that are as fresh as when they were frozen in, thousands of years ago. In some places along the Lena river the bluffs are perfect mines of mammoth bones.

## The Change That Was Wrought.

The little man was explaining to his audience the benefits of physical culture. "Three years ago," he said, "I was a miserable wreck. Now, what do you suppose brought about this great change in me?" "What change?" said a voice from the audience. There was a succession of loud smiles, and some persons thought to see him collapse. But the little man was not to be put out. "Will the gentleman who asked 'What change?' kindly step up here?" he asked suavely. "I shall then be better able to explain. That's right!" Then, grabbing the witty gentleman by the neck: "When I first took up physical culture I could not even lift a little man. Now (suiting action to word) I can throw one about like a bundle of rags." And finally he flung the interrupter half a dozen yards along the floor. "I trust, gentlemen, that you will see the force of my argument, and that I have not hurt this gentleman's feelings by my explanation." There were no more interruptions.

## Cormorants.

Cormorants are far the largest and most striking in appearance of our common English sea fowl. A male cormorant is a yard long and very strong and heavy, and, though more quaint than beautiful, whether flying, diving or sitting on the rocks or buoys, it is a far more interesting creature than the sea gull—a wonderful instance of adaptation of form to special needs and of permanence of type enduring from remote ages, for the fossil cormorant hardly differs from those which are now fishing from the cliffs in which their petrified ancestors are imbedded. Our common "great black cormorant" is not only the most representative type of his family, but a link with the inhabitants of the shallow seas of both the old and new worlds. He is found throughout Europe, in north Africa, Egypt and the greater part of Asia, in eastern North America and, a little changed by distance, in New Zealand and Australia. Lastly he is the only bird except the hawks and falcons which is trained to assist man in the capture of living prey, and in this vocation he is of all birds, by sense, memory and affection, incomparably the best.—London Spectator.

## He Is Deliberate.

Mrs. Sparks—Your husband is a very deliberate man, isn't he? Mrs. Slowman—Indeed he is. Mrs. Sparks—Did you ever know him to do anything in a hurry? Mrs. Slowman—Never! He plans every movement with the utmost deliberation and lingers studiously over every detail. I have often thought that if he ever dies suddenly it will be an awful shock to him.